

**State of Maine  
Department of Education**

**Gifted and Talented Educational Program  
Application for One-Year Waiver  
2015-16**

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to [GT.DOE@maine.gov](mailto:GT.DOE@maine.gov) by September 30, 2015.

Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, Chapter 311, section 8101-A(3) states:

**Waivers.** Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school administrative unit (SAU) that did not operate a gifted and talented program in the 2011-12 school year may apply to the Commissioner for a one-year waiver of this requirement if full implementation of this requirement presents an undue burden. The Commissioner may grant the SAU a waiver upon receipt of an application from the SAU that includes the basis for the waiver request. Financial hardship is one criterion the Commissioner must consider in determining whether to grant a waiver. The Commissioner has the authority to grant a one-year waiver to a SAU and a one-year waiver extension. Any additional request for extensions must be submitted and reviewed on an annual basis.

School administrative unit name:

MSAD #49

Name and title of person responsible for gifted and talented program:

Dr. Dean Baker

Phone number:

(207) 453-4200

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dbaker@msad49.org

**CERTIFICATION:**

The statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dean P. Baker

Superintendent Name(printed)



Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

9/16/2015

**Check Reason(s) for Waiver Request:**



Financial Hardship



Other



Partial Program Waiver Request



Full Program Waiver Request

**Please completely describe the basis for the SAU's one-year waiver request and further describe how the SAU is meeting the needs of the gifted and talented population in your district:**

The MSAD # 49 Academic Plan and Arts Plan, previously approved by the Department of Education, summarize our commitment to MSAD # 49 youth who excel academically and in the arts. Full implementation of a k-12 Gifted and Talented Program in all content areas at all grade levels with properly certified staff will cause an undue burden to the MSAD # 49 budget. As a district that currently receives 68% state subsidy, we will struggle to maintain our core programs within a budget that our school community will support.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**RETURN BY EMAIL TO:**

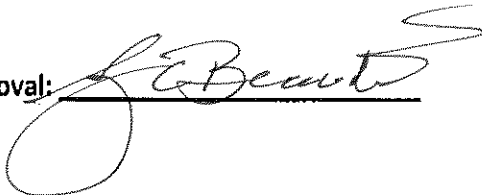
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**DUE DATE: September 30, 2015**

Maine DOE Approval: \_\_\_\_\_



Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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